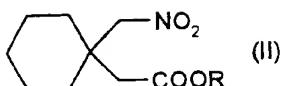


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wherein

7 wherein  
8 R is hydrogen, benzyl or diphenylmethyl or aryl which is  
9 unsubstituted or substituted by a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>4</sub> alkyl or alkoxy group in  
10 the presence of a hydrogenation catalyst in an inert organic  
11 solvent at a temperature of 10 to 50°C under 1 to 20 kPa pressure  
12 to directly obtain the 1-(aminomethyl)-cyclohexyl-acetic acid in  
13 the inert organic solvent;

13 the inert organic solvent prepared according to step (a) to  
14 (b) filtering the 1-(aminomethyl)-cyclohexyl-acetic acid  
15 in the inert organic solvent prepared according to step (a) to  
16 remove the hydrogenation catalyst to obtain a filtrate;  
17 c) concentrating the filtrate by removing a portion of  
18 the inert organic solvent to obtain pure 1-(aminomethyl)-  
19 cyclohexyl-acetic acid; and

(d) in the case where a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt is to be formed transforming the pure 1-(aminomethyl)-cyclohexyl-acetic acid into a pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salt.

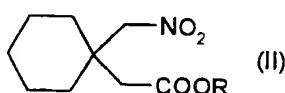
1               Claim 11 (previously added): The process defined in  
2    claim 10 which further comprises the step of adding tetrahydrofuran  
3    to the concentrated filtrate obtained according to step c) to  
4    precipitate out pure 1-(aminomethyl)-cyclohexyl-acetic acid.

1               Claim 12 (previously added): The process defined in  
2    claim 10 wherein according to step (a) the hydrogenation catalyst  
3    is palladium on activated carbon.

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1               Claim 13 (previously added): The process defined in  
2    claim 10 wherein according to step (a) the inert organic solvent is  
3    a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>4</sub> alcohol.

1               Claim 14 (previously added): A compound of the Formula  
2    (II)



4    wherein

5        R is hydrogen, benzyl or diphenylmethyl or an aryl group which is  
6        unsubstituted or substituted by a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>4</sub> alkyl or alkoxy group.

1              Claim 15 (previously added): 1-(nitromethyl)cyclohexyl-  
2        acetic acid as defined in claim 14.

1              Claim 16 (previously added): benzyl 1-(nitromethyl)-  
2        cyclohexyl-acetate as defined in claim 14.

1              Claim 17 (previously added): diphenylmethyl 1-(nitromet-  
2        hyl)cyclohexyl-acetate as defined in claim 14.

1              Claim 18 (new): The process defined in claim 10 wherein  
2        according to step (a) the hydrogenation catalyst is a rare metal,  
3        Raney nickel or cobalt.

#### REMARKS

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to bring this application to issue without delay.

Applicants wish to reiterate their claim to the benefit of their Hungarian priority date of 29 December 1998 pursuant to the International Convention. A certified copy of Hungarian Patent